



General Assembly

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## ***Amendment***

LCO No. 8368



Offered by:

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To: House Bill No. 7023

File No. 225

Cal. No. 177

**"AN ACT AUTHORIZING SHORT-TERM CARE GROUP INSURANCE POLICIES, PERMITTING HEALTH CARE CENTERS TO CHARGE COINSURANCE, AMENDING THE INSURERS REHABILITATION AND LIQUIDATION ACT AND REQUIRING THAT INSURERS ISSUE NOTICES TO INSUREDS REGARDING PERSONAL AND COMMERCIAL RISK POLICIES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 38a-510 of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
5 *January 1, 2018*):

6 (a) No insurance company, hospital service corporation, medical  
7 service corporation, health care center or other entity delivering,  
8 issuing for delivery, renewing, amending or continuing an individual  
9 health insurance policy or contract that provides coverage for

10 prescription drugs may:

11 (1) Require any person covered under such policy or contract to  
12 obtain prescription drugs from a mail order pharmacy as a condition  
13 of obtaining benefits for such drugs; or

14 (2) Require, if such insurance company, hospital service corporation,  
15 medical service corporation, health care center or other entity uses step  
16 therapy for such drugs, the use of step therapy for (A) any prescribed  
17 drug for longer than sixty days, or (B) any drug prescribed for cancer  
18 treatment to an insured who has been diagnosed with stage IV  
19 metastatic cancer. At the expiration of [such] the time period, an  
20 insured's treating health care provider may deem such step therapy  
21 drug regimen clinically ineffective for the insured, at which time the  
22 insurance company, hospital service corporation, medical service  
23 corporation, health care center or other entity shall authorize  
24 dispensation of and coverage for the drug prescribed by the insured's  
25 treating health care provider, provided such drug is a covered drug  
26 under such policy or contract. If such provider does not deem such  
27 step therapy drug regimen clinically ineffective or has not requested  
28 an override pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section,  
29 such drug regimen may be continued. For purposes of this section,  
30 "step therapy" means a protocol or program that establishes the  
31 specific sequence in which prescription drugs for a specified medical  
32 condition are to be prescribed.

33 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 38a-544 of the general statutes is  
34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
35 *January 1, 2018*):

36 (a) No insurance company, hospital service corporation, medical  
37 service corporation, health care center or other entity delivering,  
38 issuing for delivery, renewing, amending or continuing a group health  
39 insurance policy or contract that provides coverage for prescription  
40 drugs may:

41 (1) Require any person covered under such policy or contract to

42 obtain prescription drugs from a mail order pharmacy as a condition  
43 of obtaining benefits for such drugs; or

44 (2) Require, if such insurance company, hospital service corporation,  
45 medical service corporation, health care center or other entity uses step  
46 therapy for such drugs, the use of step therapy for (A) any prescribed  
47 drug for longer than sixty days, or (B) any drug prescribed for cancer  
48 treatment to an insured who has been diagnosed with stage IV  
49 metastatic cancer. At the expiration of [such] the time period, an  
50 insured's treating health care provider may deem such step therapy  
51 drug regimen clinically ineffective for the insured, at which time the  
52 insurance company, hospital service corporation, medical service  
53 corporation, health care center or other entity shall authorize  
54 dispensation of and coverage for the drug prescribed by the insured's  
55 treating health care provider, provided such drug is a covered drug  
56 under such policy or contract. If such provider does not deem such  
57 step therapy drug regimen clinically ineffective or has not requested  
58 an override pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section,  
59 such drug regimen may be continued. For purposes of this section,  
60 "step therapy" means a protocol or program that establishes the  
61 specific sequence in which prescription drugs for a specified medical  
62 condition are to be prescribed."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2018	38a-510(a)
Sec. 2	January 1, 2018	38a-544(a)